

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1264

To designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “M.D. Anderson Plaza” and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2011

Mr. FINCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The Federal Government has the responsi-
2 bility to honor and recognize Americans who have
3 positively impacted the welfare of other Americans.

4 (2) Monroe Dunaway Anderson, born in Jack-
5 son, Tennessee, in 1873, was one of the United
6 States' most successful agri-businessmen and re-
7 spected philanthropists.

8 (3) Monroe Dunaway Anderson, also known as
9 M.D. Anderson, attended public schools in Jackson,
10 Tennessee.

11 (4) After attending college in Memphis, Ten-
12 nessee, M.D. Anderson returned to Jackson, Ten-
13 nessee, to work at the People's National Bank.

14 (5) In 1904, M.D. Anderson, his older brother
15 Frank Anderson, along with Will Clayton, estab-
16 lished a partnership, Anderson, Clayton, and Com-
17 pany, to buy and sell cotton in Jackson, Tennessee.

18 (6) In 1945, Anderson, Clayton, and Company
19 was called the largest buyer, seller, storer, and ship-
20 per of raw cotton in the world by Fortune Magazine.

21 (7) In 1936, M.D. Anderson established the
22 M.D. Anderson Foundation. This foundation funded
23 the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center which grew into
24 the largest medical complex in the world, the Texas
25 Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

1 (8) M.D. Anderson’s positive impact in the cot-
2 ton trade is still being felt by the cotton businesses
3 in and around Jackson, Tennessee, and throughout
4 the world.

5 (9) M.D. Anderson and his foundation’s imprint
6 on medical research, education, and agri-business
7 should be memorialized in the town of his birth,
8 Jackson, Tennessee, and deems recognition.

9 **SEC. 2. M.D. ANDERSON PLAZA.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—The property in between the
11 United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones
12 Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jack-
13 son, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the
14 “M.D. Anderson Plaza”.

15 (b) MARKER AND STATUES AUTHORIZED.—West
16 Tennessee Health Care Foundation is hereby authorized
17 to install in a prominent location on that portion of the
18 Plaza under the jurisdiction of the General Services Ad-
19 ministration—

20 (1) a Tennessee State Historical Society marker
21 recognizing the outstanding achievements in busi-
22 ness and philanthropy on the grounds between the
23 Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building; and

24 (2) a life-sized statue depicting M.D. Anderson,
25 and 3 bust statues depicting Will Clayton, Ben Clay-

1 ton, and Frank Anderson, with information recog-
2 nizing persons who donated funds for the manufac-
3 turing of the statues.

4 (c) DESIGN OF MARKER.—The marker authorized by
5 subsection (b)(1) shall be at least 42 inches in height.

6 (d) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—No
7 Federal funds may be expended to design the marker, to
8 acquire the marker, to prepare the sight selected for the
9 marker, to install the marker, or to maintain the marker
10 or the statues authorized in subsection (b).

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